

**REMARKS**

Minor modifications have been made to the specification. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 1-30 and 39-48 have been canceled. Claims 31-38 remain in the application. Early and favorable consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited.

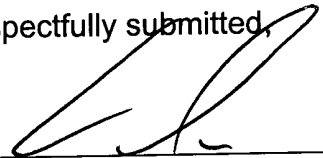
Applicant notes that the application, as originally filed, included two claims that were numbered "36." Applicant has assumed for the purposes of this amendment that the Patent Office would simply renumbered the second claim 36 and claim 37 and add 1 to each succeeding claim. Accordingly, the listing of the claims above incorporates such renumbering.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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